



The School of St Jude

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Welcome to our February Newsletter!



Newsletter

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Greetings from St Jude’s

February was an exciting month here at school and we are pleased to present you with the highlights. Approximately 550 students from Grades 4-6 returned from holiday to begin their studies at a brand new campus– Moshono Upper Primary! Our newest fully-functional campus was established to help introduce IPC at St Jude’s (beginning with the Upper Primary students).

Meanwhile, over at our Moshono Lower Primary campus, Standard 2 and 3 students enjoyed kicking up their heels in a Scottish Dancing lesson! And across all three campuses, visiting physicians and medical teams examined each student during our Annual Medical Checks to ensure a clean bill of health.

The very important workers who help us get around, our wonderful bus drivers, were involved in practical and classroom training to get their licenses renewed this month.

Happy February from all of us here at St Jude’s!



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3 Campus Tour

Lower Primary, Upper Primary & Secondary...Oh my!



Moshono Lower Primary is the original St Jude's campus– which has certainly been expanded and improved since it first opened in 2002! Now in 2011, this campus provides a quality education to Prep through Standard 3 students.

Moshono Upper Primary was completed in Feb 2011 and is the first campus to introduce IPC to our students and staff! This campus now educates our Grade 4 through Grade 6 students.



Usa River Secondary was completed in 2008 and served as an additional primary campus for the first two years after its opening. Now in 2011, the school is providing education to our Form 1 through upcoming Form 6 students.

“The African Massage”

A story by a visiting supporter, Mrs Betty from America!



Oh, the beautiful Big Blue bus! Off we go at 7 a.m. on a Thursday morning to pick up children...what an experience! We knew that the roads were bumpy, but once we were out of the city of Arusha (just 3 city blocks) we reached a new level of ruts and bumps and narrowness! It seemed like a very long time riding in our most colorful bus, with its cheery The School of St Jude logo painted on both sides and recognized by so many people. Finally, we reached our outermost point where we began picking up children. It seemed like the country by now and some of the children walked miles just to be picked up! Our amazingly reliable bus

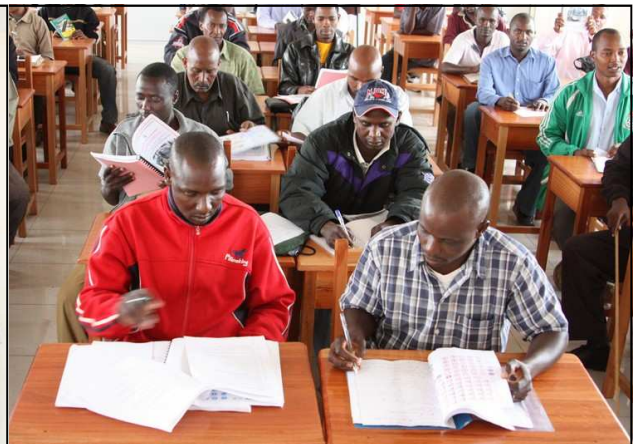
chugged on as we wished we could get out and personally remove some of the many rocks from the road. This certainly must damage the tires after a while (not to mention the alignment). Luckily for the buses, St Jude's takes great care of them! Once they began getting on, the students immediately claimed our attention. They were so patient standing in line for the bus and seemed happy to board Big Blue, the most welcoming of vehicles. In 2's and 3's, they sat in their accustomed places, creatures of habit as we all are. Some teachers climbed aboard also and it reminded us that they too were often without transportation and how very necessary these buses are. Soon, Big Blue was full of 3 to 4 children to a seat. Someone started singing and soon they were all blaring out an enthusiastic song. What a thrill to be in the middle of this! Though our trip was over an hour, it seemed much shorter. The driver was skilled and seemed content enough to have his load safely aboard and set for another day. After an enjoyable yet bumpy ride, we understood what everyone referred to as 'The African Massage'!

If you would like to sponsor one of our colourful and very important buses, please see our web site for more information!



Licence Renewals

Bus drivers are highly valued here at St Jude's, as they provide the very necessary, daily transportation to staff and students between our three campuses! Everyone's safety is of the utmost importance, therefore our drivers need to be well-equipped before driving the roads of Arusha. In February, each of our drivers participated in a 10-day licence renewal course, which combined practical and classroom training. We're happy to report that all drivers are now up to speed and once again ready to navigate the (bumpy) roads!



**Good on
you,
drivers!**



Scottish Dancing

Mandy & Hellen visited St Jude's during mid February and were adventurous enough to give our Standard 2 and 3 students a Scottish Dancing lesson! They worked in collaboration with several St Jude's staff members, and as you can see, students and everyone involved had a fantastic time. Thanks again ladies!



'We're Having a Ball!'

February welcomed yet another fantastic pair; **Pat and Nigel**. Both are certified P.E. teachers and enjoyed assisting with classes during their week's stay at school. A few days later, when our own P.E. teacher was sick, Pat and Nigel were ready and willing to cover all classes! The students had a great time and were appreciative of their time with these two.



2011 Medical Checks

At the beginning of each year, St Jude's welcomes physicians and volunteers from around the world to participate in our annual Medical Checks, in which they examine each one of our students' health. First, students get their height, weight and eyes checked. Then the doctor examines them for any potential health issues and will address any problems the student may complain about.

If any health concerns arise, it is the responsibility of the parent to ensure it is addressed with guidance from our school nurse and deputy leaders. So as you can imagine, our dedicated parents play a very important role in annual Medical Checks! We're happy to report that in 2011, our students were found to be in overall good health.



...2011 Medical Checks cont.

A **big thanks** to our fantastic Medical Check Team in 2011: Ms Diana for helping to coordinate the event, Jenny Hayes & Nigel Langley, Caroline Williams, Phillipa Binns, Nicola & Caitlin Saxton, Vicky & John Wighton and Madeleine, Abigail and Jacob!

